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Amend Claim 8 to read:

8. (Twice Amended) A bank card terminal cover for bank card terminals mounted on a vertical non-integral support surface independent of the bank card terminals and cover, the terminals having card reading slots and keyboards pervious to liquids, grease, and dust comprising:

- a. a transparent rigid, crush resistant, liquid, dust, and grease impervious top with sidewalls defining an open bottom leading into an interior sized to fit about and [cover] surround the exposed portions of the bank card terminal, when placed on the vertical non-integral support surface; said sidewalls extending sufficiently about the bank card terminal to make contact with and be extended by the vertical non-integral support surface to elevate the top and side walls of the cover above and around the bank card terminal to protect the bank card terminal whereby said cover forms a protective barrier about the bank card terminal with its cover sidewalls in contact with and supported by the non-integral vertical support surface to direct the force from blows and accidental contact with the cover onto the non-integral vertical support surface, while protecting the exposed portions of the bank card terminal from contact with liquids, dust, grease, and falling objects [by directing them away from the bank card terminal onto the separate vertical non-integral support surface independent of the bank card terminal], and defining at least one opening through which a terminal cord may be inserted and connected to the bank card terminal,
- b. opening structure associated with the top of the bank card terminal and terminal cover to provide access to the bank card terminal keyboard and card reading slot in a first mode, and to close about and secure the bank card terminal in a second mode, and
- c. a shock absorbing seal affixed to the edges of the cover sidewalls to seal with the vertical non-integral support surface.